GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SMART CARDS FOR PDS
CHADA SURESH REDDY;GADDAM GANGA REDDY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce smart cards system instead of ration cards to eliminate rampant corruption in PDS in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the smart cards are likely to be introduced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. It is proposed to introduce a pilot project on implementation of Smart Cards in the Public Distribution System during the year 2002-03. The Planning Commission has provided an outlay of Rs.4.4 crores for this pilot project.